

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A composition comprising

at least one compound **A** having at least two reactive groups selected from the group comprising isocyanate, epoxide, alkoxy silane, and mixtures thereof

and also

at least one polymeric thixotropic agent **B** prepared

by homopolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1**

or

by copolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1** with at least one further (meth)acrylate, the (meth)acrylate mixture possessing an average (meth)acrylate functionality \bar{f} of 2.5 to 4.5,

the (meth)acrylate **B1** having three or more (meth)acrylate groups.

2. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, characterized in that the compound **A** is obtained by a reaction of a polyurethane prepolymer **A3** containing at least two isocyanate groups with at least one compound **AX** which contains an NCO-reactive group, ~~in particular primary or secondary amino group or SH or OH~~, and also one or more epoxide or alkoxy silane groups.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, characterized in that the compound **A** is obtained by a reaction of a polymer **A3-1** containing at least two isocyanate-reactive groups with at least one compound **AY** which contains an NCO group and also one or more alkoxy silane group.

4. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, characterized in that the compound **A** is a compound **A1** which is a diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A, bisphenol F, bisphenol A/F, a mixture or an oligomer thereof, ~~preferably bisphenol A diglycidyl ether~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, characterized in that the compound **A** is a compound **A2-1** which is polyurethane prepolymer containing at least two alkoxy silane groups.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, characterized in that the compound **A** is a compound **A2-2** which is polyether containing at least two alkoxy silane groups.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 6, characterized in that the compound **A2-2** is obtained by a hydrosilylation reaction from polyether containing at least two C=C double bonds, ~~in particular from allyl terminated polyoxyalkylene polymers~~, and from a compound $\text{HSi}(\text{R}^1)_a(\text{OR}^2)_{3-a}$, where R^1 and R^2 independently of one another represents a C₁-C₈-alkyl radical, ~~in particular methyl or ethyl~~, and a represents the value 0 or 1, ~~in particular the value 0~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 5 ~~or 6 or 7~~, characterized in that the alkoxy silane groups are trimethoxysilane or triethoxysilane groups, ~~especially trimethoxysilane groups~~.

9. (Original) The composition of claim 1, characterized in that the compound **A** is a compound **A3** which is a polyurethane prepolymer containing at least two isocyanate groups.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 2 ~~or 9~~, characterized in that the polyurethane prepolymer **A3** containing isocyanate groups or the polyurethane prepolymer **A3-1** containing isocyanate-reactive groups is prepared from the reaction of at least one polyol with at least one polyisocyanate, ~~in particular with at least one diisocyanate~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 10, characterized in that the polyol is a polyoxyalkylene polyol, ~~in particular a polyoxyalkylene diol or triol, in particular a polyoxypolypropylene diol or triol or an EO endcapped polyoxypolypropylene diol or triol.~~

12. (Original) The composition of claim 11, characterized in that the polyol is a polyoxyalkylene polyol having a degree of unsaturation <0.02 meq/g and a molecular weight M_n of 1000 to 30 000 g/mol.

13. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the (meth)acrylate **B1** contains three, four or five (meth)acrylate groups and is selected ~~in particular~~ from the group comprising glycerol tri(meth)acrylate, tris(2-hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate tri(meth)acrylate, trimethylolpropane tri(meth)acrylate, ditrimethylolpropane tetra(meth)acrylate, pentaerythritol tetra(meth)acrylate, glucose penta(meth)acrylate, sorbitol hexa(meth)acrylate, dipentaerythritol hexa(meth)acrylate, and their ethoxylated or propoxylated analogs, ~~and is preferably trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is a copolymer which is prepared from a (meth)acrylate mixture having an average (meth)acrylate functionality \bar{f} of 2.5 to 3.5, ~~in particular between 2.8 and 3.2.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the composition comprises at least traces of the organic free-radical donor used for the free radical polymerization of the (meth)acrylates, ~~in particular an organic peroxide~~, or derivative reaction products thereof.

16. (Original) The composition of claim 15, characterized in that the organic peroxide has a decomposition temperature $T_{1/2}$ (1h) of between 100°C and 50°C.

17. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 15-~~or 16~~, characterized in that the organic peroxide is a peroxide of a fatty acid, ~~especially dilauryl peroxide~~.

18. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim 1, characterized in that the amount of polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is between 0.1% and 10% by weight, ~~in particular between 0.5% and 5% by weight~~, based on the weight of the composition.

19. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim 1, characterized in that the composition further comprises at least one plasticizer.

20. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 19, characterized in that the plasticizer is a phthalate or an adipate, ~~in particular a dialkyl phthalate or dialkyl adipate, preferably diisodecyl phthalate or dioctyl adipate~~.

21. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim 1, characterized in that the composition further comprises at least one filler, ~~especially carbon black~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 21, characterized in that the amount of filler is between 25% and 50% by weight, ~~in particular between 25% and 45% by weight, preferably between 30% and 40% by weight~~, based on the weight of the composition.

23. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a composition of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 22~~claim 1~~, characterized in that the polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is added to the compound **A**.

24. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a composition of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 22~~claim 1~~, characterized in that the polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is polymerized in the compound **A** from (meth)acrylates.

25. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 24, characterized in that the polymerization of thixotropic agent **B** takes place at a temperature of between 80 and 100°C, ~~in particular between 80 and 90°C~~.

26. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 25, characterized in that the polymerization of thixotropic agent **B** takes place as a result of an organic peroxide having a decomposition temperature $T_{1/2}$ (1h) of between 100°C and 50°C, ~~especially dilauroyl peroxide~~.

27. (Currently Amended) The use of A process for enhancing thixotropic properties of a composition, comprising providing said composition with a compound **B** prepared

by homopolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1**,

or

by copolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1** with at least one further (meth)acrylate, the (meth)acrylate mixture having an average (meth)acrylate functionality \bar{f} of 2.5 to 4.5, in particular of 2.5 to 3.5, ~~preferably 2.8 to 3.2~~,

the (meth)acrylate **B1** having three or more (meth)acrylate groups, ~~as a thixotropic agent~~.

28. (Currently Amended) The use process of claim 27, characterized in that the (meth)acrylate **B1** contains three, four or five (meth)acrylate groups and is selected in particular from the group comprising glycerol tri(meth)acrylate, tris(2-hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate tri(meth)acrylate, trimethylolpropane tri(meth)acrylate, ditrimethylolpropane tetra(meth)acrylate, pentaerythritol tetra(meth)acrylate, glucose penta(meth)acrylate, sorbitol hexa(meth)acrylate, dipentaerythritol hexa(meth)acrylate, and their ethoxylated or propoxylated analogs, and is preferably trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of A process of adhering, sealing, coating or covering at least one object, comprising applying to said object a composition of any one of claims 1 to 22~~claim 1 as an adhesive, sealant, coating or covering, ~~in particular as an adhesive or sealant~~.

30. (Currently Amended) An article characterized in that it is in contact with a composition of ~~any one of claims 1 to 22~~claim 1.

31. (Currently Amended) An article characterized in that it is in frictional contact with a moisture-hardened composition of ~~any one of claims 1 to 22~~claim 1.